Indian Government to either release or prosecute under ordinary procedure of the criminal law all those who were arrested during the Operation Blue Star; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Some representations from members and sympathisers of Amnesty International regarding review of cases of under trial prisoners apprehended during Operation Blue Star and presently lodged in Jodhpur Jail have been received. The pending cases are reviewed in the usual course.

Objectionable articles on Prophet and Islam

1574. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the December 1986 issue of the one English magazine of Delhi "Tortured for Christ" highly objectionable and inflamatory articles against the Prophet and Islam have been published which have hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims;

(b) what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take against such newspapers, journals and periodicals which preach communal hatred and attack various religious and religious leaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A booklet 'Tortured Christ' was found in circulation containing some objectionable articles against Islam. A case under section 295 A of the IPC (PS Hauz Qazi, Delhi) has been registered.

(c) Whenever any such articles are noticed, necessary legal action is initiated by the State Governments/UTs.

Orders for the arrest of editor of 'Deccan Herald'

1575. SHRI ALADI ARJUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir Government issued orders to arrest the Editor of Bangalore daily "Deccan Herald" in connection with a controversial short story; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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1576. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार "सम्राट होटल" को आर्थिक रूप से व्यवसाय-सक्षम बनाने के लिये क्या उपाय कर रही है या करने का विचार रखती है ?

पर्यटन मंत्री (मुफती मोहम्मद सईद) : 17 नवम्बर, 1982 को भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम द्वारा सम्राट होटल नई दिल्ली आंशिक रूप से खोल दिया गया था तथा इसमें 80 कमरे थे। इस समय इसमें 264 कमरे हैं। वर्ष 1985-86 तक यह "जेस्टेशन" अवधि में रहा। होटल के वर्ष-वार वित्तीय परिणाम